

Group's ads 'dragging property prices down'

By FRITHA TAGG

Hauraki District's mayor is extremely disappointed at the negative advertising campaign being run by Waihi East Ratepayers group in the local newspapers.

WERGI has run full-page advertisements in both *Waihi Leader* and *Hauraki Herald* which have asked questions of Newmont Waihi Gold, stated the company is not a good corporate citizen and used photos of slumped houses, one of which originated in the United States.

"We [council] have done our best to get the Community Forum up and running and we continue to try to maintain property values in Waihi East," said John Tregidga.

"These ads give the impression

that it is not safe to live or buy property in Waihi.

"That is just not true. They are dragging property prices down."

Mr Tregidga said the advertising campaign by WERGI has undone a lot of the good work undertaken by the community and by council.

"They might have the right intentions but the result of these ads has had a detrimental effect."

He said council had identified properties at risk from past



Hauraki District Council mayor John Tregidga.

mining activities and had taken steps to ensure they were either moved or made safe.

"With this latest resource consent application, the process will look to see if there is any risk of subsidence from the proposed underground mine operation."

"I understand some people, some properties, are genuinely concerned by blast, vibration, dust and noise and are worried about the ongoing activities but this negative advertising campaign is not doing them any good either."

Mr Tregidga believes the advertisements paint a completely false picture about Waihi.

Waihi needs to promote itself as a great place to live, as a great place to buy a house, as a great place to work, go to school and be part of the community.

WAIHI EAST RATEPAYERS GROUP(inc)

WERGI is not anti-mining! But we do not support Newmont's application to mine under privately owned homes in Waihi East, and for that to become the model for future underground mining in New Zealand!



72%
Of Waihi East
Submitters Oppose
The Mine

WERGI expects to see stringent conditions that can be enforced in any approval of Newmont's application!



Say No, to protect our Homes!
Say No, before it's Too Late!

Join now for only \$10 and have your say!!
Even if you haven't made an objection, join WERGI
and your voice will be heard. Say No!

Next Meeting Of WERGI Inc
Waihi Rugby Club
Thursday 15th November 2012 at 7:00pm
Doors open from 6:30 for registration

Newmont's ideas of a Golden Link Project Area didn't evolve until March 2012 when Newmont announced it's PCIP.

- After the announcement of Correnso, Newmont sent out two man teams to interview the people of Waihi East.
- Newmont presents these views in their submissions. Should they be asked to be struck out?
- Should Newmont supply the 500 people interviewed with a copy of their interview?
- Newmont, in case you have forgotten, can we remind you of your corporate values?

"At Newmont, one of our core values is to act with integrity, trust and respect."

Newmont employees will demonstrate leadership in safety, stewardship of the environment and social responsibility".

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